

The Center for the Art of Medicine
Fisch Art of Medicine Student Awards
2024-2025

“Living is an art, and medicine is an art form to make life a little better and a little longer. Art and medicine are two consequences of the same desire to sustain life.” – Robert Fisch, MD

The Fisch Art of Medicine Student Awards program allows University of Minnesota medical students (current MS1-MS3 and MD/PhD) to explore the arts and humanities in ways that are not typically emphasized in a conventional medical school curriculum. The Fisch Awards acknowledge the reality that even during this time of rapid scientific advancement, medicine remains as much an art as it is a science.

These annual awards will nurture creativity, allow students to express themselves in new ways, and enhance lifelong connections between the art and science of medicine. All participants will share their work at the annual Fisch Art of Medicine Celebration held each Spring.

Appropriate projects include:

Any artistic or creative project—limited only by the applicant’s imagination—will be considered**. Past projects have come from a range of creative disciplines including: music, dance, photography, sculpture, writing, crafting, theatre, and aerial arts to name a few. Preference will be given to acquisition of new knowledge or a new skill. Students can take classes or courses, work with a mentor or teacher, or simply focus on a creative pursuit. Travel [*per university guidelines*] can be built into the grant.

***not for equipment over \$200*

Budget:

There is no minimum amount that may be requested; the maximum granted will be limited to approximately \$2,500. The total amount awarded each year will be based on the number of projects funded.

Timeline:

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 academic year. Applications must be received by **midnight, Friday March 22, 2024**. Applicants will be notified in mid-late May of the review committee’s decisions. Funding will be disbursed to student accounts in September 2024 to use in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Review Process:

All proposals will be reviewed by the Fisch Art of Medicine Student Awards Selection Committee. Final decisions regarding funding will be made by this committee.

To apply:

- [Submit proposals here: via Google Form](#). The application includes:
 - A written proposal (no longer than 500 words) describing:
 - Goals or needs
 - Activities related to these goals or needs
 - Interest in the proposed area of study
 - A separate document with an itemized budget for the project (including course fees, travel, supplies, etc.)

Application Deadline: By 11:59pm CT, Friday, March 22, 2024

Legacy of Dr. Robert O. Fisch:

University of Minnesota pediatrics professor emeritus Robert O. Fisch, MD, and his wife, Karen Bachman, established the Fisch Art of Medicine Student Awards in 2007. The endowed fund was created to honor the spirit and work of Dr. Fisch, a physician, artist, and Holocaust survivor who has shared his experiences through writing and art. A humanitarian with deep commitment to the arts, young people, and medicine, Fisch combines his work as a pediatrician with an artist’s sensitivity to the world around him. Dr. Fisch and his wife believe that this award will enrich the lives of physicians in

training as well as their future patients. The Fisch award aims to support medical students who long to address untapped creative urges or reacquaint themselves with avocations that have gone dormant during their medical studies.

Financial Aid Impact Statement:

If selected, your scholarship payment will be processed through the University Financial Aid office and paid to your University Student Account. The addition of this scholarship funding may affect your financial aid package if you are already receiving aid close to or at the Cost of Attendance limit. The University Financial Aid Office will review your financial aid package prior to receiving the Fisch Award and notify the Center for the Art of Medicine if there are impacts to existing financial aid.

Contact the Medical School Financial Aid Office at msfao@umn.edu or 612-625-4998 if you have any questions about the impact to your existing financial aid or the scholarship distribution process.

Questions:

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